GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1726
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ILLUMINATING MONUMENTS
Sugavanam Shri E.G.

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ASI has proposed to illuminate Qutub Minar, Humayun's Tomb and other important monuments with the help of solar-powered panels;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the UNESCO panel has disapproved solar lighting of the above monuments and threatened losing of their world heritage status;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by the Government thereto; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. Archaeological Survey of India has a proposal under consideration for solar lighting at Jantar Mantar, Purana Qila, Red Fort, Qutub Minar, Humayun's Tomb and Safdarjung's Tomb with the financial and technical assistance from the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India.

(c) No such disapproval has been received from UNESCO by the Archaeological Survey of India.

(d)&(e) Do not arise.